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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON MANAGEMENT/STAFF RELATIONS

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MILLS/MCDONALD TELCON THAT DG BOERMA HAS THREATENED IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION IF USG FORCES FAO COUNCIL TO REJECT AGREEMENT WITH STAFF ASSOCIATION AND SALARY INCREASES AND OTHER EMOLUMENTS HE GRANTED TO FAO GENERAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES (IN OUR VIEW WITHOUT SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY).

2. WE RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF BOERMA TO USG INTERESTS IN OTHER FAO MATTERS AND PARTICULARLY TO HIS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING SUCCESS OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, US DEL SHOULD LET FAO COUNCIL KNOW, FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY, OF REAL US CONCERN OVER ACTIONS TAKEN BY DG BUT SHOULD NOT PUBLICLY REJECT BOERMA'S

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DECISIONS OR FORCE FAO COUNCIL TO TAKE SUCH FORMAL ACTIONS

WHICH WOULD IN EFFECT BE A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN HIS STEWARDSHIP. IN THIS CONNECTION, US DEL MAY ENCOURAGE OTHER CONCERNED DELEGATIONS TO SPEAK TO THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER IT IS NOT IN US INTEREST FOR BOERMA TO PRECIPITOUSLY RESIGN ON EVE OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND US DEL SHOULD INSURE THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.

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